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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' MEETING WITH MINISTER
GOMEZ MORALES

SANTIAGO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT WITH ECONOMICS
MINISTER ON MARCH 11, GOMEZ MORALES BROUGHT UP FOLLOWING
SUBJECTS:

A. TRADE ACT--MINISTER NOTED GREAT IMPORTANCE OF TRA. HE
HOPED THAT AMENDMENTS, ESPECIALLY ON OPEC PROVISION WOULD BE MADE
AND SAID GOA THOUGHT IT MOST IMPORTANT TO AVOID A FUTURE LA/US
CONFRONTATION ON TRA. MINISTER ALSO PROVIDED ASSISTANT SECRE-
TARY ROGERS AND EMBASSY WITH COPIES OF LIST OF TARIFF ITEMS
WHICH GOA HOPED WOULD RECEIVE GSP BENEFITS. HE HOPED THE US
COULD GIVE EVERY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE TRA TO PREFERENCES FOR
LDCS.

B. IBRD--GOA IS CONCERNED OVER LETTER WHICH GOMEZ MORALES HAS
RECEIVED FROM WORLD BANK WITH PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A GNP PER CAPITA
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INCOME OF \$850 AS A CUT-OFF POINT FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF FINANCING.

THIS PROPOSAL WOULD NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ARGENTINA'S SPECIAL SITUATION, WITH HIGH URBANIZATION BUT LARGE UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS. FURTHERMORE, GOMEZ MORALES OBJECTS TO SETTING AN ARBITRARY STANDARD OF THIS TYPE.

C. ARGENTINE/US TRADE BALANCE--THE MINISTER STRESSED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE GOA TO INCREASE SALES TO THE US, ESPECIALLY NON-TRADITIONAL ITEMS AND IMPROVE ITS BALANCE. THE GOA'S UNFAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE WITH THE US WAS A NEGOTIATING PROBLEM IN DEALING WITH EC COUNTRIES.

2. GOMEZ MORALES PROVIDED AIDE MEMOIRE OF POINTS HE MADE AT MEETING. THESE ARE BEING FORWARDED BY EMBASSY TO WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS LAST OF PROPOSED TARIFF ITEMS FOR GSP BENEFITS.
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